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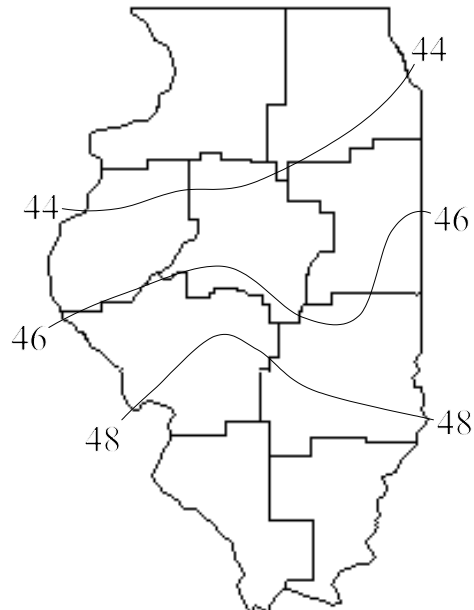
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## Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state last week were one to three degrees above normal and precipitation was slightly below normal. Rains that fell were scattered throughout the week which did not allow soils to dry. Days suitable for fieldwork last week ranged from less than one to three depending on where you were in the state. A few farmers in northern part of the state were able to complete some limited fieldwork between showers including applying anhydrous, spreading dry fertilizer and seeding oats. Southern Illinois farmers were cleaning drainage ditches in an attempt to get excess water off their fields. Corn planting has yet to begin and oat seeding continued on a limited basis last week. Oats planted is 21 percent complete compared to 28 percent last year and the five-year average of 23 percent. Condition of the wheat crop continues to improve with the warmer temperatures and rain showers. Wheat condition was rated as 1 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Alfalfa and pastures are still slowly coming out of dormancy. Other activities last week included hauling grain, tending calves, attending auctions, preparing equipment for spring and fixing fence.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2006	: 2005	: 5-Year Average
April 2			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	0	1	0
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	21	28	23



4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)  
April 2 10:00 a.m.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable		Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 27 - April 2			April 2		
Northwest	2.7	13	14	61	12	
Northeast	3.0	6	52	42	-	
West	0.9	13	22	61	4	
Central	2.3	3	23	56	18	
East	2.0	1	15	79	5	
W Southwest	0.6	-	18	78	4	
E Southeast	1.3	-	8	48	44	
Southwest	1.5	-	-	49	51	
Southeast	0.7	-	-	7	93	
State	1.7	5	16	60	19	

### Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 2		
Winter Wheat	-	1	23	67	9
Alfalfa	1	3	24	64	8
Pasture	1	4	33	56	6

### Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
			March 27 - April 2			
Northwest	45.2	43.7	1.5	1.04	0.82	0.22
Northeast	45.7	43.5	2.2	0.46	0.87	-0.42
West	49.2	47.0	2.2	1.41	0.86	0.55
Central	48.5	46.4	2.1	0.70	0.84	-0.14
East	47.8	46.0	1.8	0.52	0.88	-0.36
W Southwest	51.4	48.7	2.7	0.82	0.88	-0.06
E Southeast	50.5	49.1	1.4	0.85	1.03	-0.18
Southwest	53.8	50.9	2.8	0.88	1.29	-0.41
Southeast	53.7	51.4	2.3	0.84	1.38	-0.53
State	49.3	47.2	2.1	0.83	0.97	-0.13

# Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
March 27 - April 2					
<b>Northwest:</b>					
Freeport	64	28	3	0.66	4
Kewanee	67	26	3	1.43	7
Moline	67	35	4	1.03	12
Mount_Carroll	65	25	4	1.15	6
Paw_Paw	67	24	4	0.47	5
Rochelle	66	29	3	0.71	5
Rockford_AP	66	27	6	0.68	12
<b>Northeast:</b>					
Aurora_Municip	69	23	4	0.39	17
Chicago_OHare	70	25	4	0.28	20
Antioch	67	25	6	0.25	10
McHenry_Stratt	67	23	4	0.25	11
Morris	70	26	3	0.50	16
Ottawa	72	29	3	0.70	14
Park_Forest	71	28	5	0.38	16
<b>West:</b>					
Galesburg	69	28	5	1.40	14
Prairie_City	70	27	4	0.92	12
Quincy_AP	73	37	3	1.17	18
<b>Central:</b>					
Bloomington_5W	73	28	0	0.35	13
Decatur_AP	75	30	2	0.65	26
Havana	73	31	3	0.41	17
Lincoln_NWS	73	29	3	0.42	23
Peoria_IL	71	35	4	0.43	18
<b>East:</b>					
Champaign_IL	76	26	3	0.32	25
Pontiac	72	29	0	0.34	5
<b>West Southwest:</b>					
Carlinville	76	37	3	0.72	28
Morrisonville	74	29	0	0.87	20
Springfield_IL	72	34	4	0.33	24
<b>East Southeast:</b>					
Effingham_Ag	79	26	2	0.79	19
Flora_5NW	78	28	3	1.10	36
Hutsonville	76	28	2	1.49	24
Iuka	78	28	-1	1.18	24
Hidalgo	79	30	5	0.96	33
Paris	74	31	0	0.80	19
Windsor	77	33	4	0.53	28
<b>Southwest:</b>					
Carbondale_IL	79	31	4	1.09	44
Lebanon	83	26	1	0.68	33
Steeleville	81	31	-2	0.59	29
<b>Southeast:</b>					
Grand_Chain_Da	76	29	0	0.80	35
Grayville	78	30	-1	1.06	30
Mt_Vernon_Ag	76	27	1	0.87	25

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

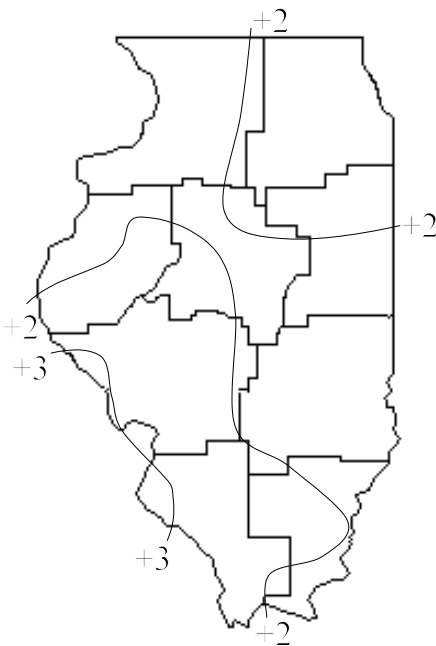
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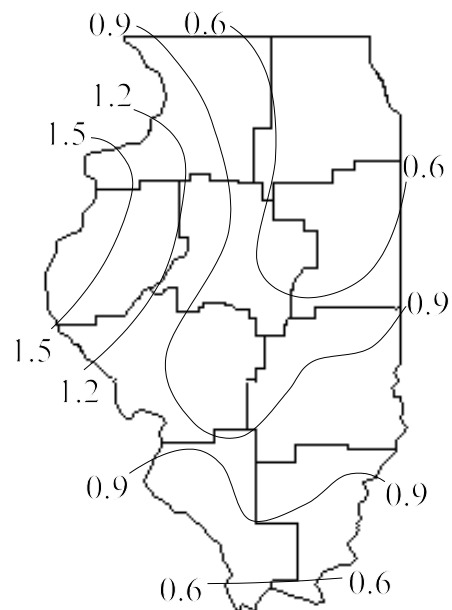
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
March 27 - April 2



Precipitation (in.) Total  
March 27 - April 2

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